[Mr. H. B. Mahomed Rowther.]

(*b*) if not, whether there is any rule prohibiting their appointment to such posts?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Budget allotments for construction of new roads and bridges in the Shencotta and Pattanapuram taluks.

45. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state what amounts, if any, have been set apart in the Budget for the next year (1106) for the construction of new roads and bridges in the Shencotta and Pattanapuram taluks?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A sum of Rs. 17,200, of which approximately Rs. 12,200 is for the Pattanapuram taluk and Rs. 5,000 for the Shencotta taluk, has been provided for the construction of new roads and bridges in the taluks, besides the provision of Rs. 32,250 for improvements to the existing means of communication.

Nilakkamukku-Koviltottam road.

46. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer given to question No. 98, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 25th November 1926 (page 288 of Vol. X of the Council Proceedings) regarding the Nilakkamukku-Koviltottam road, will the Government be pleased to state the result of the enquiry, if any, made by them?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer reported that Nilakkamukku and Koviltottam are situated by the side of the *kayals* of Anjengo and Koviltottam and are connected by a navigable canal and also by a railway close by and that a road in that locality would be a superfluity. The Government have therefore dropped the matter.

As regards the construction of a bridge at Kayikkara crossing, the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner reported that a bridge would be an expensive luxury especially because there is already a ferry service at the place. The Government accepted this view.

Condition of roads in the Paravur pakuti, Quilon taluk.

47. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to the answer to question No. 27, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 1st August 1927 (page 52 of Vol. XI of the Council Proceedings) regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the road leading from the Paravur market to Pallikadavu and of the road from Maniankulam bridge to the boat jetty, will the Government be pleased to state the further action taken by them after giving the reply?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The maintenance grant of the road from Paravur market to Pallikadavu has

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